



**STATE OF CONNECTICUT**  
**OFFICE OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT**

***TESTIMONY SUBMITTED TO THE  
ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE***

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***Benjamin Barnes, Secretary***

***Office of Policy and Management (OPM)***

***Concerning Proposed Raised Bill No. 807 (LCO No. 2712)***

***AN ACT CONCERNING WATER INFRASTRUCTURE AND CONSERVATION, THE  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, MUNICIPAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS  
AND UNPAID UTILITY ACCOUNTS AT MULTI-FAMILY DWELLINGS.***

Senator Duff, Representative Reed and distinguished members of the Energy and Technology Committee, I thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony concerning Sec. 86 of Raised Bill 807.

Section 86 of the proposed bill seeks to repeal Section 25-33p of the general statutes, which originated in a 2007 budget implementer. Section 25-33p requires OPM to study the state's Water Planning Council (WPC) and other state water planning efforts, and to submit an annual report to the General Assembly. OPM considers this reporting requirement to be redundant because the WPC is required to separately prepare a report on its activities and the state's water planning efforts.

The WPC's reporting obligations originate in Section 25-33o of the general statutes and OPM staff has responsibility for the preparation of that report as well. The WPC report is a compilation of each year's efforts by the WPC and its advisory group, which includes representatives of water utilities, agricultural interests, electric power generation interests, business and industry interests, environmental interests and others. Those efforts address the topics identified in Section 25-33p and lead to recommendations for legislative revisions. Therefore, OPM believes that attention is better focused on the WPC report prepared under Section 25-33o.

Thank you for the opportunity to share the thoughts that OPM has on Raised Bill No. 807. As always, my staff and I are available to meet with you to discuss any questions you may have regarding this subject.